

**FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

MEETING MINUTES

I. The Frederick County Human Relations Commission met on Tuesday February 25th, 2014 in the third floor conference room at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland. Angela Spencer HRC Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

II. The following members were present:

Angela Spencer
Tonya Amedon
Jack Thomas
Yemi Adeoye
Oladimeji Ibraheem
Annette Breiling
Lisa Clark
David Kaye

HRC members Melissa Meath, Felicia Turner and Irene Packer-Halsey were absent.

The following members of the public attended the meeting:

Francisco Alves, HRC Board applicant
Kathleen Hartsock, Liaison Frederick County School Board
Kavonte Duckett, HRC Board applicant
Mari Lee, HRC Board applicant
Georgia Anne McCauley, HRC Board applicant
Donna Kuzemchak, Alderwoman and Liaison for City of Frederick

III. The January 25th meeting minutes were unanimously approved with the following addition: "Annette Breiling asked that the HRC Consider looking into the use of discriminatory language such as "illegal alien" and "Washington Redskins". The motion was made by Oladimeji Ibraheem with a second from Annette Breiling.

IV. Comments from the Public

Donna Kuzemchak was introduced and welcomed as the HRC liaison from the City of Frederick.

Francisco Alves introduced himself as an applicant for the HRC.

Mari Lee introduced herself as an applicant for the HRC.

V. Officers Reports

a. Executive Committee

1. Strategic Plan Retreat – The retreat was cancelled last week and will be rescheduled in the spring. The new date will allow the new members of the commission to attend.

2. Member Recruitment - 4 letters of interest have been received and interviews are taking place at this time.

B. Treasurer's Report

| There are funds in the amount of \$3,912.99 for the commission's use.

C. NAC Updates – On February 11, 2014 Miles Ward, Melissa Meath, Angela Spencer and David Kaye attended the NAC event sponsored by the City of Frederick to introduce residence to the NAC's and what they do. The event was a success and the entertainment was excellent.

David Kaye reported that NAC 4 had 4 sexual assault cases in the area in the past month. He contacted the NAC police representative Sgt. Stockdale regarding the matter and was very happy with the timeliness and the response..

D. Commission for Women – Angela sent out thanks to whoever submitted her name for the "Women of Excellence Award". The awards event will be held March 20th at Ceresville Manor from 6:00 to 8:30pm.

The Commission for Women will be holding several public seminars to inform the public about Charter Government. Dates and locations will be distributed as soon as they are available.

E. Angela stated that she received the Annual report from the Frederick City Police Department and she will be inviting them to present at the March or April HRC meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

1. Events for 2013- 2014, Dates and Venues

a. Celebration of Human Rights Achievement – April 14, 2014 Dutch's Daughter

The time to submit nominations and send in ad request will be extended until March 15 to allow more time. Packets with the information for solicitation of donations and advertisements have been e-mailed to all of the HRC members. There are 2 letters. Entertainment has been secured. Debbie Williams will be the guest speaker. Using last year's list of advertisers Tonya has assigned the organizations to different HRC members to contact them and see if they would like to advertise again.

b. The Naturalization Ceremony date has been set for September 20, thanks to Kathleen. The planning for the event will begin after the Awards Banquet.

B. Government Relations Committee

1. Legislative Updates

Melissa is out tonight so there will be no updates this month.

C. Internal Relations Committee

1. Fair Housing 2014

The HRC has been invited to partner with the City of Frederick's Fair Housing Month Event. Angela will have more information after she meets with them.

VII. New Business

1. Angela has asked a HRC member to take over the position of Parliamentarian since Blair has resigned. The discussion will be tabled until she receives a response from the person she contacted.

2. On September 26, 2014 Hood College will sponsor a March on Frederick to bring awareness of the 50 year anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. The march will begin at Harry Grove Stadium traveling by significant points of interest and end at Hood College. The March will start at 9:30am.

VIII. HRD Director's Report

1. Miles mentioned that it was outstanding to have a quorum for voting purposes.
2. Miles thanked Pat for her assistance with the HRC.
3. In regards to the packets for the HRC Awards Program that the smaller packet should be used for securing ads while the larger packet includes nomination information as well as ads. The funds raised will offset the cost of students and their guest that attend as well as the award money given to the students.

IX. Announcements

Angela brought up the Carroll Creek harassment that is going on. She will request more information regarding the issue from Chief Ledwell.

Thursday February 27th a film will be presented at 723 N. Market Street "*Inequality for All*". After the film there will be a conference call with Robert Reich, the former US Secretary of Labor.

Lisa announced she would not be able to attend the March meeting because of another commitment.

Tonya thanked everyone for working on the awards banquet.

There was discussion about statistics regarding inmates at the jail. Angela asked that everyone save their questions and bring them to the Sheriff in a format where he can answer and clarify the facts. The Detention Center tour will be scheduled in the spring and that will be a good time to get the facts.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Pat Fleet of the Human Relations Department

The March 2014 HRC Meeting will take place on Tuesday March 25th at 7:00pm, at Winchester hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD., in the 3rd floor conference room.

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The public is always invited to attend HRC monthly meetings. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Miles Ward, Frederick County Human Relations Department at (301) 600-1110, or dial 711 for Maryland Relay Services to make arrangements, no later than three (3) working days prior to the meeting.